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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Some time ago I encountered an article of yours in which you commented on what you considered to be the extraordinary potential achievable through somatic hybridization of plants. I believe you also corresponded with Dr. A. C. Hildebrandt concerning this idea - I presume because you had heard something about my efforts in this area.

For the past two and a half years I have been pursuing the development of somatic hybridization of plants with support from a U. S. Department of Agriculture research grant for two years, subsequently renewed for a year. Our results to date are sketched in the enclosed paper and photograph.

I am writing to you because I am seeking a permanent position where I can continue this research, at least on a part-time basis; since the USDA has indicated serious doubts as to their abilities to continue supporting the project at its current level (my salary plus limited additional support). Since you have expressed an interest in this area of research, I am hoping you may be able to direct me to some organizations that might be interested in employing me.

I will look forward to hearing from you, and I do appreciate any assistance you may give me.

Sincerely yours,



Roy U. Schenk,  
Research Associate

Enclosures

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